Small towns covered under AUWSP in Gujarat

4086. SHRI BRAHMA KUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Centrally sponsored scheme of Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme (AUWSP) is under implementation in all States;

(b) if so, the conditions/criteria laid down under this scheme;

(c) the number of small towns convered, till date, in Gujarat; and

(d) the target fixed for Ninth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) While deciding the annual allocation of each State under AUWSP, the following criteria are followed:

— 50% weightage is given to the population of eligible towns;

— 35% weightage is given to the incidence of poverty in the States.

— 5% weightage is given to the number of eligible towns in States.

— 10% weightage is given in terms of population of eligible towns to the special requirements of States/UTs covered under DPAP (Drought Prone Area Programme), DDP (Desert Development Programme), HADP (Hill Area Development Programme) and Special Category Hill States.

(c) 19 towns of Gujarat have been approved for assistance under AUWSP at an estimated cost of Rs. 2750.15 lakhs and Central share of Rs. 906.54 lakhs has been released till 31.3.2001.

(d) The Planning Commission has approved an outlay of Rs. 37000.00 lakhs under AUWSP for the Ninth Plan Period. Against this allocation, Rs. 19695.00 lakhs have been released to the State Governments during the first four years of Ninth Plan. The physical target under AUWSP is decided on year to year basis depending upon the funds made available for the programme by the Planning Commission in the Central Plan of the Ministry. 352 schemes have been approved during the first four years of 9th Plan and 128 schemes have been completed/commissioned.

Grants to Maharashtra

4087. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of grant provided to Government of Maharashtra in 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 by his Ministry alongwith the details of heads, Programmes and any specific field for which the said grant has been provided;

(b) whether Government of Maharahtra has sent timely account of expenditure incurred by them from the said funds; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (c) The amount of grant provided by this Ministry and the details of expenditure furnished by the Government of Maharashtra under various schemes is given in the Statement.